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Dear BLM Managers,

Thank you for your efforts to find a way to provide for public services that were once funded through O & C timber resources...*but we ask you in the strongest terms possible to reconsider the current BLM Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR).* On behalf of our children and their children and generations to come, *we strongly oppose the WOPR as they are currently being proposed.*

Oregon's last old-growth (120+ years) trees are irreplaceable and play an essential role in our natural environment. Once they are cut, history shows they are lost forever.


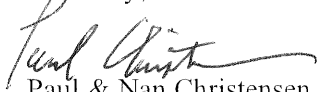
Global climate changes are showing us how important your responsibility is as land managers. We ask you to adopt a responsible perspective that *treats these lands not as a temporary funding resource but as essential component of a healthy, whole Oregon.* Today, the consequences of short-term exploitation of lands can be seen everywhere. They create an irreversible degradation of the natural systems that provide clean air and water, climate stability and species survival.

The changes BLM is currently proposing for the management of nearly 2.6 million acres of federal forests—including most of Oregon's best old-growth public forests—combine clearcutting "Timber Management Areas" every 80 years, clearcutting 110,000 acres of Oregon's old-growth, building 1,000 miles of new logging roads every decade, and creating over 100,000 miles of new Off Highway Vehicle Emphasis Areas. We believe this is exactly the **wrong direction** to take. More than ever, we need to develop ways to maintain water quality, off-set the escalating "greenhouse" effect, conserve species, and preserve non-motorized recreation.

As avid hikers my family is further affected by the degradation of these lands. We are astonished to find that an organization that should be depended upon to protect and care for our public forests is now advancing a plan that degrades them.

We ask BLM to focus upon previously logged public forestlands, which are now overgrown and need thinning, to fund public services. Please listen to the public consensus for old-growth protection and second-growth thinning, which has never been stronger!

Sincerely,

  
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